

RESPONSE

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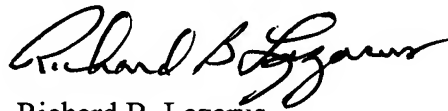
Claims 1-5, 9-10, 21, 27-29, 34-35 and 38 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 41-64 are added.

A check for \$1,900 for seven additional independent claims (\$1,400) and 10 additional claims in excess of the original 40 claims (\$500) is enclosed.

It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (5723-73575).

Respectfully submitted,

BARNES & THORNBURG

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard B. Lazarus", is written over the printed name.

Richard B. Lazarus

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